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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION
REQUIREMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Restriction Requirement issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on December 17, 2001 in connection with the above-identified application. A petition for an extension of time to extend the time to respond from January 17, 2002 to June 17, 2002 is being filed concurrently herewith. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

ELECTION OF SPECIES

Applicant elects, without traverse, the species of Figs. 1-5 (claims 1-16) for further prosecution in the subject application. Applicant further expressly reserves its right under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to file one or more divisional applications directed to the nonelected subject matter during the pendency of this application, or an application claiming the benefit of this application under 35 U.S.C. § 120.

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